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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- DE 198 54 259 discloses a heat-sealing machine. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to claims 1 - 6. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- U.S. Patent 5,466,326 discloses a continuous motion heat seal control. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to claims 1 - 6.

- DE 42 30 882 discloses a controlling seam quality in welding thermoplastic sheet - by constantly measuring roller pressure, comparing with set value using computer, and adjusting roller speed accordingly. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to claims 1 - 6. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English

language abstract.

- U.S. Patent 6,471,804 discloses a rotary hot air welder and stitchless seaming. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to claims 1 - 6.
- DE 91 14 932. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 6. No English translation is available at this time.

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